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Application # 10/629,458
Attorney Docket # 112504 CON-1 (1014-260)

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the consideration provided to this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner is further thanked for indicating that each of claims 3-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-11 are now pending in this application. Each of claims 1 and 10 are in independent form.

The Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

Each of claims 1, 2, 10, and 11 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of Chaudhuri (U.S. Patent No. 6,600,719). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection. It is believed that with this Terminal Disclaimer, all claims in this application are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

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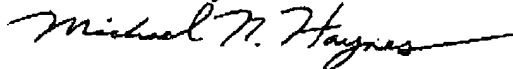Attorney Docket # 112504 CON-1 (1014-260)

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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